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Amdt. Dated September 28, 2005
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 29, 34, 39, and 44; claims 33, 35, 43 and 45 have been canceled. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 29-32, 34, 36-42, 44, and 46-48 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant notes with appreciation the conditional allowance of claims 35 and 45. As the Examiner has suggested, claims 35 and 45 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of base claims 29 and 39 and intervening claims 33 and 43. Therefore no amendments have been made to narrow the scope of the pending claims or to create any sort of estoppel.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claims 29, 31-33, 36-39, 41-43, and 46-48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Verma in view of Verkama. In order to expedite allowance of this application, the Applicant has canceled the claims 33 and 43 without prejudice. The limitations of claims 33 and 43 along with the allowable subject matter of claims 35 and 45 have been incorporated in claims 29 and 39 respectively. The Applicant has amended claims 29 and 39 to better define the intended scope of the claimed invention. The Examiner's consideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 31-32, 36-38, 41-42 and 46-48 depend from amended claims 29 and 39 respectively and recite further limitations in combination with the novel elements of claims 29 and 39. Therefore, the allowance of claims 29, 31-32, 36-39, 41-42 and 46-48 is respectfully requested.

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Claims 30, 34, 40, and 44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Verma in view of Verkama in further view of Arazi. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of these claims.

Allowable subject matter from claims 35 and 45 has been incorporated into claims 29 and 39. Claims 30, 34, 40, and 44 depend from claims 29 and 39 respectively and contain the same allowable subject matter. The Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 30, 34, 40, and 44.

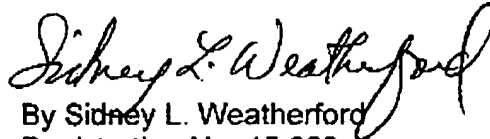
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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